

Application Serial No.: 09/315,822 Attorney Docket No.: 031792-0311520 Reply and Amendment Accompanying RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/315,822 EXAMINER: Jean D. Janvier

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 $FOR: A VIRTUAL COUPONING^{TM} METHOD AND APPARATUS HAVING AN IN-STORE$

CONSUMER KIOSK AND BEING ABLE TO VERIFY IN REAL-TIME THAT A

PRODUCT IS ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT REDEMPTION

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (*Ref. No. 031792-0311520*).